

CONTEST RULES:

1. All photos must be taken in or around the Refuges from the Chippewa River at Wabasha, MN downstream to Princeton, IA.
2. Color, black and white, or digital photos are allowed. No computer composites accepted. Photographs must be the original work of the person submitting.
3. Entries shall be a minimum photo size of 8" x 10".
4. No glass frames allowed.
5. Entries are limited to TWO photos per person for EACH category.
6. Each photograph must be labeled on the BACK with entry form provided.
7. Cropping may take place if the mounted image does not fit in the scanner, to prevent cropping provide a non-mounted image no bigger than 11" x 15" or provide the image on a CD.

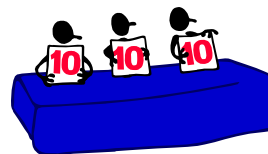


CATEGORIES:

- ❖ **Refuge Landscape** – water, sunset, sunrise, forest, etc.
- ❖ **People on Refuges** – fishing, hunting, wildlife observation, boating, etc.
- ❖ **Refuge Wildlife** – birds, fish, mammals, insects, snakes, etc.
- ❖ **Plant Category** – any flower or vegetation.

Judges:

To be announced.



Criteria:

Photos will be judged based on capturing the spirit of the Refuge, technical quality, and intrinsic beauty.



TO ENTER:

Labeled entries and signed release form must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. December 1, 2006. Entries may be dropped off at any Refuge office or mailed to:

FUMRR
Room 101
51 East 4th Street
Winona, MN 55987

Awards:

Awards will be given in each category as follows:

- ❖ 1st place: \$20.00
- ❖ 2nd place: \$10.00
- ❖ 3rd place: \$5.00
- ❖ Best of show - \$200.00 (determined by public voting during photo exhibit display).
- ❖ Honorable mention



Use of Photos:

Friends of the Upper Mississippi River Refuges (FUMRR) and the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge have the right to publish the winning photographs for educational, informational, and promotional purposes.

Entry Form (place on each photo entered)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Where photo was taken: _____

Category: _____

Total # of photos entered: _____

e-mail: _____

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*** Copyright Release Form:**

I hereby grant permission to the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge (Service) and to Friends of the Upper Mississippi River Refuges (FUMMR) to reproduce my photographs in official Service and FUMMR publications for educational, informational and promotional purposes. My permission extends to reproducing my photographs on their websites. The photographs shall be credited to the photographer by the legend: © 'Photographer Name'

I do hereby release Service and FUMMR from any and all claims related to the display of my photographs submitted herewith, including but not limited to, claims which may result from the loss or damage to those photographs.

Name: _____

(please print)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Questions:

Cindy Samples

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9th Annual Photo Contest

Deadline: December 1, 2006



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